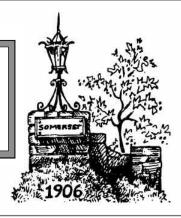


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Quarterly Brown Bag Lunch

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Once again, all are invited to the next Brown Bag Lunch on Thursday, April 19 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This will be another excellent opportunity to visit with neighbors and ask me or members of the Council a question or two. Since we are in budget season, all creative ideas are welcome, and since we are

in a **presidential election year**, the conversation can go that way, too.

As always, *utensils*, *plates*, and *soft drinks* are provided and we encourage everyone to bring a dish or two to share. Any questions, call me on 301-657-2229.

Earth Day 2012 1 Billion People - 192 Countries www.earthday.org

Earth Day 2012

By Patty Friedman, PRNC Chair

We will celebrate **Earth Day** on **Saturday**, **April 14** in Somerset, as we clean our *streambed* and *remove invasive plants* from our parkland.

We will meet at the Somerset pool parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and receive instruction on invasive plant removal, including garlic mustard, multiflora rose, and English ivy. Invasive plants are those that have been introduced from another area (often for landscaping), and which tend to crowd out *native plants* because they grow and spread quickly and are not eaten by animals in this area.

I will lead a nature walk in the parkland and will point out wild flowers along the way.

Donation Of Parkland Gifts To The Town

By Patty Friedman, PNRC chair

We are fortunate to live in such a generous and caring community. Within the past year, three families have approached the Town in hopes of making a donation in memory of a family member who has passed away. There has not been a clear procedure for how to proceed with such proposals. The Parks and Natural

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Calendar

Monday, April 2

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 3 Maryland Primary Elections

Saturday, April 14 Earth Day

Thursday, April 19 Brown Bag Lunch

Monday, April 23 MVA Mobile Office

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to *www.townofsomerset.com* and click on Town Calendar.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website (www.townofsomerset.com) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Budget Season in High Gear

As the years go by, I get more and more impressed with the way the Town now *handles our budget process*. The Council is highly engaged, the residents are highly informed, and we

have a **Town Manager** with vast experience in this area. All this is significant because *finalizing the budget* is the single most important task of a **municipal government** like ours.

The contrast with the past is amazing, too, because when I was first elected to the Council **10** years **ago**, Somerset had an *overabundance* of revenues, the elected officers were not encouraged to follow the numbers that closely, and the majority of time was spent on identifying ways to **spend money**. Now the Council and I use the majority of our time for overseeing and analyzing what was spent in the past, and looking for ways to *economize* in the future.

While the economic climate was vastly altered **three years ago**, forcing us to **be on alert**, I had already begun efforts to change the focus. As a leader with past experience in this area, I am proud that I made the **budget a priority**, and convinced the Council to do the same. The Council members have come through with flying colors, especially aided by the efforts of Council Vice President **Marnie Shaul**, an **economist** by training. We now have the most professional **final budgets** in the history of the Town.

Whether by luck or coincidence, recent reports from the **Comptroller's Office** about our biggest source of money—*the state income tax*—indicate that the next fiscal year is going to be **rosier** than the past several have been. However, while projected revenues are higher, the budget I am introducing at the April meeting

will be conservative, especially to ensure we do not spend funds that we might not necessarily have. Accordingly, I will place a figure under **income tax revenue** that, in my judgment, reflects the total household income tax revenue minus a factor that accounts for one time only or "episodic" tax revenue so these funds are not included in our totals. In this way, if we eventually get extra money we can use it to add to our so-called rainy day fund. This will help us be better prepared in the future to deal with a heavy snow season, natural disaster, or other unexpected large bills.

So now I want to remind everyone that it is time to read the 5-Year Plan and FY 2013 Budget, come to the hearings and Council sessions, ask a lot of questions, and make up your own minds on the opportunities available to make our Town even better through the budget process. Don't forget to let us know by speaking out or writing an email or formal letter, and always remember that these precious resources belong to us all. Thanks for being responsible citizens.

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Kindergarten Registration and Orientation

By Frannie Peale, Uppingham Street

If you have a **child turning 5** by **September 1, 2012**, please contact the **Somerset ES office** now to be added to the **kindergarten list** to be placed on the schedule for registration and orientation.

Call Somerset Elementary School 301-657-4985 Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration and orientation sessions for entering kindergarteners and parents will be scheduled by the school for either **April 16** or **17, 2012**. Your schedule and registration materials will be sent to you.

Donation from page 1

Resource Committee (PNRC) has come up with a suggestion, which will be discussed at the next Town Council meeting.

The Town of Somerset is open to the idea of a gift in **honor** or **memory of someone**, but the person who is interested in donating this gift must present a *proposal for the gift* to the **PNRC**, and it will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Someone from the committee will be available to *work with donors* to offer suggestions or guidance. The gifts must then be presented to the Town Council, which has the authority to accept or deny the gift. The Town will be responsible for presenting a thank you note and receipt for the gift. All plaques will be in accordance with Town recommendations.



Looking Ahead

By Alan Proctor, Council Member

As many of you know, I decided not to run for **re-election** to the **Town Council** this year. I have enjoyed the four years and support of many you—and though I feel like we have gotten a lot done, many opportunities remain for making our community

an even better place to live.

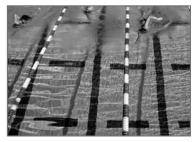
The genesis of my decision was the unique opportunity that my wife **Anne** and I had to reassess our priorities when I was diagnosed with **brain cancer** last year. My **surgery**, **radiation**, and **chemotherapy** are behind me for now, and I am feeling great. But it's one of the ironic "**gifts**" of cancer that brings you a mindfulness of everything to still be grateful for, and a focus on what is most important. For us, part of this has become splitting our time between **Somerset** and **Palo Alto**, where three of our four boys are now working, along with additional family and friends. This had made it a challenge to attend monthly Council meetings, so I decided to take this responsibility off my plate by not running for Council again.

As I change gears, I have reflected on several thoughts I would like to share.

- First, I am grateful for the wonderful Town that we have. It has been a uniquely great place to live, raise a family, be surrounded by a diverse set of friendly and interesting people, and invest in activities that make a difference. *Thank you, Somerset.*
- Second, there is a lot we have already accomplished, and more we can do
 to make this the community we want. In order to do this, we need to work
 together, assuring that while we maintain often strongly held personal
 perspectives, we are also respectful of each other and the decisions we
 make as a community.
- Third, a sense of community where we live is really important. I see in the busyness of *family, school, work*, and our other *daily routines* a decline in real, personal participation in the community, activities beyond individual homes and families, that actually engage us **individually**. I think this is important and there are many ways to do this.

For me going forward, I'm planning to continue my interest in various Town issues that I have pursued on the Council, such as **energy-efficient streetlights**; increasing **community events** at the pool; **uncluttering** our streets of ugly utility practices and **street signs**; and continuing to **improve** Town operations.

There is one additional area of immediate interest I plan to pursue that will build on my most recent four years on the Council and the **twenty-five years** we have lived in Town. This is to work with the community to figure out how we *improve communications* so residents are better informed, enabled, and motivated to participate in our Town government and other activities in ways that work for them. There are a number of relatively easy, cheap, and effective improvements we could make in our **Town website**, **Journal**, **public-access cable channel**, and **other resources** to do this.



Swim Team News - Dolphins

Swim Team News

By Ann Brown, Trent Street

It is never too early to start thinking about summer—and the *Somerset Dolphins swim team*. We are thrilled to announce that **Bess Pickar**, Somerset resident and long-time Dolphin, is returning to the team this year as our **Head Coach!**

What is the Somerset Swim Team?

The swim team is Somerset's only town-sponsored sports team. The team is open to all Town residents *ages 18* and *under* who can pass the deep-water test. **No tryouts!** The emphasis is on having fun and developing each swimmer's skills.

Swim practice starts **Tuesday, May 29** (**Monday – Friday, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**). *Can't make every practice? Don't worry!* Come as often as your schedule allows.

Morning practices will begin **June 13** (**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**) and kids can come to one or both practices.

Swim meets are every *Saturday morning* from June 16 to July 14. We also have *four Wednesday night* meets and two big relay carnivals. The season ends on July 21 with Divisional Championships in the morning and the team banquet that evening. All Star events are the following weekend. *Going to summer camp? Family vacation?* That's okay–swim when you are in town!

The Minis is our *developmental program* for kids 4 to 7 years old who are able to swim 15 yards. They practice three days a week for half an hour starting after MCPS schools let out. There is also an end-of-season Mini Meet, and Minis are encouraged to come to all team social events.

Weekly social events include the *spaghetti dinner*, *laser tag*, *breakfast* with the *coaches* and *more!*

So when you're making your summer plans, leave some time for the swim team. Whether you're here for three weeks or the whole season; whether you can practice three times a week or every day, we want you on the team. You can't have a community team without the community participating. We will have a team Open House in May. Call or email Ann Brown, abrown@annbrown communications.com, 301-633-4193, for more information.

Permits Granted



Wall Permits

4525 Dorset Avenue, Retaining Wall, West side of the property

Storage Unit Permit

4708 Falstone Avenue, Storage Pod Unit, Unit has already been removed

Tree Removal Permits

5403 Greystone Street, *Black Locust*, tree was hazardous and needed to be removed

4810 Falstone Avenue, *Southern Red Oak*, tree was hazardous and needed to be removed

Landscaping For Home Security

Birdie Pieczenik, Chairperson, Security Committee

Spring is here—or is it summer already? Typically, so is an increase in crime [from scam artists trying to distract you while you are working in the garden, to strangers cruising the area as if they were part of contracting teams, to solicitors for (un)worthy causes]. This month's security tips will focus on how the right kind of landscaping can be part of your home security plan.

- Keep trees trimmed back, away from your house, so that tree branches can't be used as a ladder if they are next to a window or skylight.
- Keep your lawn mowed regularly, especially when you are on vacation. An unmowed lawn can suggest that the residents of the house are away.
- Store ladders, lawn chairs, and patio tables out of sight so that they won't be thought of as a means to reach high windows.
- **Keep shrubs that grow** near doors and walkways trimmed to three feet or shorter so no one can hide behind them.
- Consider planting low-growing thorny bushes under windows, such as Hawthorne, Rose Shrub, and Barberry.
- Consider keeping all trees and shrubs trimmed back enough to allow a clear view of the outside of your house. You might lose some privacy, but neighbors can help watch who is coming and going from your house.
- Keep your yard well lighted.
 Consider installing motion detectors, timers, or body heat-triggered sensors.

Please think about these tips and happy planting for home security and deterring intruders!

Notes From The Manager's Desk

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



Town Hall Top 10 List

Each month I will attempt to do my best to inform our residents on 10 important issues I currently see happening within the Town of Somerset. As always, if anyone has any questions regarding Town operations, please feel free to contact me at Town Hall at *manager@townofsomerset.com* or call 301-657-3211.



Tax Season Approaching

Somerset's largest source of revenue is the portion of the **State income tax** paid by **Town residents**. Unfortunately, Somerset will not get its share of income taxes unless our name appears on the Maryland income tax form in the box marked, "**City, Town or Taxing Area.**" Please do not forget to complete this section when filling out your taxes.

FY13 Budget

The next few months at Town Hall are going to be spent setting the FY13 Capital and Operating Budgets. Council Vice President Shaul has provided an article in this month's journal outlining the budgetary process for the Town. If any Town resident has any comments, questions or suggestions they would like to see considered in the Town's FY13 budget, feel free to email or give me a call. Mayor Slavin's 5-Year Fiscal Plan summary is an insert to this month's Journal. The summary document will also be posted on the Town website. If anyone has questions on the 5-Year Plan, please don't hesitate to contact me.

2012 Tennis Fee Announced



2012 Tennis Fee

The Town's **Ad Hoc Tennis Committee** made a recommendation to the Town Council to increase the *tennis fee* for **Calendar Year 2012** to \$20 per household. If your household uses the Town tennis courts, please contact or stop into the Town Hall to make the **yearly payment** and receive a **tennis card.** Tennis cards will be available on **April 1, 2012**. Town Hall will be contacting those of you who have paid in prior years to see if your household is still using the courts.

Swimming Pool Opening and Closing Dates Set

The Town Council has set the opening and closing dates for the Town Pool House for the 2012 Calendar year. The pool will be *open* from May 19 through September 30, 2012. The pool will also be *open* on May 18 for swim team sign-ups but *not open* to the public. Please follow the Journal and e-blasts for more specific information in coming months.

E-Journal Sign-Up

We would like to urge as many residents as possible to receive their *Town Journal* electronically. As a Tree City USA and a PLANT Maryland Community, Somerset wants to reduce its impact on the environment by encouraging residents to receive their copy of the Town Journal by *email*. If you are not currently on the Town Journal email distribution list and would like to receive an electronic copy, please contact Town Hall at *manager@townofsomerset.com* or at 301-657-3211.

Private and Town Tree Removal Process

This is a reminder that the **Town of Somerset** must *approve* any trees to be removed, whether they are **public** or **privately owned**. Please make sure that you contact the Town Hall to obtain a *permit* in advance of removing any trees from your property. Violators of this **Ordinance** are subject to fines in accordance with the **Town Code**.

Crime Alert

For the near future, the Town will be *increasing the hours* its contracted

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Council Meeting Actions

The Town Council met in special session on Februry 27, 2012. The Council took the following actions:

- 1. Approval of Demolition, Building, Wall, Dumpster, Curb Cut and Amended Tree Removal Plan Permits at 4515 Cumberland Avenue.
- 2. Introduction of an amendment to the Town Code to set standards for utility company attachments to poles in public rights of way.

The Town Council met in regular session on March 5, 2012. The Council took the following actions:

- 1. Approval of February 6, 2012 Regular Council Minutes.
- 2. Approval of the installation of an HVAC Unit for 4604 Dorset Avenue.
- 3. Approval of a Generator Permit for the installation of a 17kW generator for 4816 Cumberland Avenue contingent upon the applicant providing a noise mitigation plan before the permit is issued.
- 4. Approval of a 30-day extension to the Generator Permit located at 5712 Warwick Place.
- 5. Approval of a 30-day extension to the Generator Permit located at 4515 Dorset Avenue.
- 6. Approval of a 30-day extension to the Generator Permit located at 5532 Warwick Place.
- 7. Approval of a Building Permit application at 4805 Cumberland Avenue.
- 8. Approval of a written decision by the Town Attorney for the permits issued at 4515 Cumberland Avenue at the February 27, 2012 Special Council Meeting.
- 9. Approval as Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission for the application submitted for 4712 Cumberland Avenue as per applicant's letter dated February 15, 2012.
- 10. Approval of a recommendation by the Parks and Natural Resources Committee to amend the Town's Tree Replacement Plan.
- 11. Approval of the planting of a red maple tree at 4812 Essex Avenue.
- 12. Approval of Vice President Shaul's Code Amendment for traffic regulations on Warwick Lane near Cumberland Avenue and the Somerset Elementary School.
- 13. Approval of Council Member Pickar's Code Amendment for the establishment of a Swim Team Committee.
- 14. Approval of Vice President Shaul's Code Amendment for the establishment of emergency procedures for the installation of HVAC units.
- 15. Approval of Council Member Zeughauser's Code Amendment for Chapter 2, Section 2-402(f) and Section 2-402(j), relating to submissions and distribution of the Town Journal, administration and procedures, deadlines and submissions.
- 16. Approval of a 2012 Arbor Day Proclamation.
- 17. Approval of the opening and closing dates of the Town Swimming Pool for Calendar Year 2012. The Pool will open for Swim Team Registration on May 18, 2012, and to the general public on May 19, 2012. The Pool will close on September 30, 2012.
- 18. Approval of a Resolution setting the Tennis Fee for Calendar Year 2012 at \$20 per household.

In addition to the items approved at the Regular Meeting, the Council also heard the Financial Report from the Town Manager, Rich Charnovich, and a presentation of Mayor Slavin's 5-Year Fiscal Plan. The Council also heard brief presentations from Comcast, Verizon and Pepco Representatives on issues regarding unsafe and unsightly attachments on utility poles. Mayor Slavin had his monthly report available at the meeting for anyone who wanted to review it. He also noted that this would be Council Member Proctor's final meeting, as he would not be running for re-election again this month. Mayor Slavin and the Council thanked Alan for his years of service to the Town.

police officers work for the *public safety* of the Somerset community. This is in response to the recent **crime wave** that has hit the **Chevy Chase/Bethesda** area. Please report all suspicious persons and vehicles immediately to the **Police** at **301-279-8000** or **911**. This would include *solicitors* going door-to-door who appear suspicious. Never let a suspicious person into your home. *Reminder:* Free home security surveys by Officer **Dana Stroman**, **240-876-1277** by appointment, to assess **security risks** of your residence. Here are some safety recommendations for those of you who do a lot of **walking** for either work or leisure:

- Walk briskly, with your head up, eyes scanning, and alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid using ear buds or headphones, and avoid talking on a cell phone while walking.
- Walk in groups whenever possible
- **Trust your instincts**; if someone makes you feel uncomfortable, avoid them by changing your direction and increasing your pace; go directly to a well-lit public place if possible.
- Call the police immediately and report any suspicious person or circumstance.

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

The next **bulk trash** pick-up will take place in **May 2012**. At the **April Council Meeting**, the Council will be choosing a date for the pick-up in May. Please pay close attention to the next *Journal issue* as well as the Town's *email blast* for the exact date.

Construction/Parking in Town

Town Hall Staff recognizes all of the *difficulties* right now with the significant amount of **construction** occurring in Town. The Town will continue to **enforce its Code**, **monitor construction projects**, and *ensure* that **construction regulations** are *reinforced* with **applicants**, **contractors**, and **subcontractors** for all projects. It is important that the Town do its best to enforce regulations to *minimize* disruptions to *existing* property owners, while welcoming those who are moving into Town. With some exceptions, the Town has adopted the same **work hour** regulations that are administered by **Montgomery County**. A "**Reminders to Builders**" document can be found on the **Town's website** or by contacting the **Town Hall**.



Generator Noise Regulations

Enforcement of Generator Noise Regulations

Many homes in Town either already have **generators installed** or will be applying to install **emergency generators**. Many of these generators have been unable to pass the *County noise level requirements*. I am pleased to announce however, that recently we have had several generators **successfully pass** the noise level requirements. Town staff and I will be requesting that mitigation measures be taken to meet the noise level requirements if the generator has not passed yet. This is a very sensitive issue, as we realize that many homes need the generators

for *various reasons*, *medical* or *otherwise*, but we also must be mindful that the noise of these generators can affect our neighbors. Please contact Town Hall if you would like information on mitigation contractors we have on file. A list of **Acoustical Engineers** can also be located on the Town's website.

HVAC Unit Permits

A fact I don't think many residents realize is that a Town permit is required if you are going to *install* or replace any type of **HVAC unit** for your home. Noise level requirements must be met for these units as well, for the protection of your neighbors. Please contact the Town Hall or visit the Town website for *specific requirements* for the installation of HVAC units.



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Council Members Shaul, Zeughauser, Farley, and I were at Somerset Elementary School last month promoting the Maryland Municipal League's essay contest for all Maryland's Fourth Graders, "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." This year, students are asked to include ideas for reaching out to all community members. As they have for the past several years, all SES students will participate by the deadline March 30. It is hoped that all Somerset Fourth Graders, whether

at another *public school* or a *private* or *parochial one*, will also be writing. Details on the contest are available at *www.mdmunicipal.org*. The Town also runs its **own contest**, with a *separate award*, parallel to the League's, so anyone who submits an essay to **Annapolis** should also send it to the **Town Office**.



Somerset Elementary School Fourth Graders

Please mark your calendars for the Maryland Primary Election for President, Congress, the School Board, and delegates to the *party conventions*, which will take place on Tuesday, April 3. In contrast to our municipal election held at Town Hall, for this vote the site for Somerset residents is our elementary school. Check the Montgomery County Board of Elections website for details on absentee ballots. There is also *early voting* this year at a number of sites starting March 24. See you all at the polls.

Sculptor **Lois Levitan** (Falstone) has *graciously* offered to *lend* one of her **large pieces** to the Town for **public display** in one of our parks. I am going to

accept this offer, as Mayor, and make it part of a pilot program. While we don't have a formal policy on this (yet), I did have our Parks and Natural Resources Committee weigh in and there was no opposition. In the near future, I will be appointing an ad hoc committee to help the Staff and I review these types of offers and make recommendations. It is my hope that an interested Council Member or two will introduce a Code amendment to address this need. It would be nice to have a way for Town artists to display their masterpieces at appropriate sites in our parks and public buildings. We should also look at the manner in which other municipalities handle this.

In **February**, Council Member **Marnie Shaul**, Town Manager **Rich Charnovich**, and I met with our new area **Police Commander**, **Captain David J. Falcinelli**, to get to know him better and brief him on issues of particular interest to our residents. The Captain gave us a **crime report** and discussed the ways in which we can all work together to keep the **rate low**. We were all pleased with the police's response to the recent rash of **street attacks** in the area, and how promptly information has been communicated to our residents. Captain Falcinelli's wife is on the Town Commission in their municipality in **Frederick County**, so he was particularly sensitive to our desire to help residents get the best service possible from our police department.

The Maryland Municipal League has a Banner City program, and once again, Somerset will receive this designation at the Ocean City Convention this summer. I am proud to say our Town has qualified every year since the banner was created. What this means is that our Town takes advantage of all of the benefits the League has to offer, and participates in all of its activities. We pay a *large annual membership fee*, and I am glad that our elected officials ensure we get our money's worth, which ultimately benefits our residents. The *networking* at meetings, *advice* from the League staff, *legislative support* in Annapolis, and *educational offerings* are truly exceptional.

Earlier this month I testified in **Annapolis** *against* **House Bill 473**, which, if passed, would *deny* Somerset the ability to allow **non-citizens** to vote in our Town elections. I was *appalled* at the presentation of the delegate who introduced the bill and the citizens' testimony in *support*. Their views were laced with blatant **anti-immigration rhetoric**, and dealt with **illegal aliens**, rather than discussing the *value of participation* by *legal* **U.S. residents** in local elections. It is my sincere hope that HB 473 will **die in committee**.

Happy Easter and Passover for Those Who Celebrate.

Preliminary Agenda

Regular Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall - Monday, April 2, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall. Agenda updates are posted on the Town website:

www.townofsomerset.com

Regular Meeting of the Town Council Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.



left to right: Council members Bill Farley, Barbara Zeughauser, Cathy Pickar, Vice President Marnie Shaul, Alan Proctor

- 1. Motion: To approve the February 27, 2012 Special Council Meeting Minutes 7:35 p.m.
- 2. Motion: To approve the March 5, 2012 Regular Council Meeting Minutes 7:40 p.m.
- 3. Discussion: Town Manager's April Financial Report 7:45 p.m.
- 4. Comments: Town Residents/Agenda Items 7:50 p.m.
- 5. Comments: Town Residents/Non-Agenda Items 7:55 p.m.
- 6. Public Hearing/Motion: To consider establishing the pool guest fee rates for the 2012 Calendar Year 8:00 p.m.
- 7. Discussion/Motion: To consider approval of the Calendar Year 2012 Pool Management Contract with Georgetown Aquatics 8:05 p.m.
- 8. Discussion: Pool House Punch List Update 8:20 p.m.
- 9. Discussion/Motion: To consider setting the May 2012 bulk trash pick up date 8:35 p.m.
- 10. Discussion: Mayor's Report 8:40 p.m.
- 11. Adjourn 8:45 p.m.

Key

Public Hearing Item: Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

Discussion Item: Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

Motion Item: Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

Comments: Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

This is a preliminary Agenda prepared to meet the Journal press deadline, which typically is two weeks prior to the next Town Council meeting. During this period, there will likely be changes to the timing of items, and some items may be added or deleted. Please consult the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch or the Town website for the most up-to-date Agenda.

Residents who wish to be present for a particular Agenda item are advised to arrive 15 minutes ahead of the item's scheduled discussion time as discussions sometimes run ahead of schedule.

Items marked * have related articles inside this issue of the Town Journal.